



PEAKS & NULLS

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BILL HUDZIK W2UDT (SK)

I know that most of you have heard about the passing of our friend Bill Hudzik W2UDT. Some of us have known Bill since he became the ARRL NNJ Section Manager in 2001. He served in that post until 2008. In 2011 he became the ARRL Hudson Division Vice Director until he had to retire in 2022 because of his illness. Bill used to come at least once a year to update us on what was going on in Newington along with visiting us on Field Day but, it wasn't until his last visit with us over at Normandy Park School that we found out that we had a common past and may have run into each other many years ago. The ARRL announcement of his passing brought back many memories.

In January of 1967 I was in the Army and arrived on Okinawa. I was on a post called Naha Wheel. We were on a cliff overlooking the port of Naha and right next to Naha Air Force Base where we could look down at the runways. The north end of the base was the civil air terminal where Northwest Orient 707's came and left two times a day. Even though it was an Air Force Base there were Navy and Marine detachments there. The Navy flew P3 Orion Anti Submarine flights out of there and the Marines had F4 fighters stationed there. I don't remember how I found it but, the Navy had a Ham Shack there. The only problem was I never found it open.

Kadena Air Force Base was different. It was a much larger base about 13 miles up to the north on Route 1. They flew the B52's out of there. I used to go up there just outside the main gate to a couple of restaurants and there was a clothing store where I got a great sports jacket. They also had an unbelievable Ham Shack. You should have seen the 40 Meter Rombic up on 80 foot high telephone poles. They were nice guys but, unfortunately, I never got to work the station.

Our command headquarters was about halfway between Naha and Kadena and I used to go up there quite a lot because some of the company operation was up there. There was a barracks that always caught my eye because outside was a 50 foot tower with a triband beam on it. One day there was an announcement in the daily notices that they were looking for a ham to operate that station. I went and got my operators license but unfortunately, I was only a Technician at that time so I couldn't hold that job. I did meet the guy that got the position. His name and call have passed with time and memory but he let me operate all that beautiful Collins equipment when the station was free. Technicians over there had voice privileges on 10 meters and that's the band where I spent my time. That may be the reason

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 18, 2024 In Person & Virtual Regular business meeting

April 15, 2024 In Person & Virtual Regular business meeting

May 20, 2024 In Person & Virtual Regular business meeting

June 14, 2024 In Person & Virtual Regular business meeting with Field Day preparations

2024 DUES

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Mark W2GM is now accepting dues payments for 2024. \$20.00 for full membership, \$15.00 for associate. If you have a PayPal account, dues can now be paid by using Pay-Pal.

SELECTED UPCOMING CONTESTS

Russian DX Contest	1200Z, Mar 16 to 1200Z, Mar 17
Virginia QSO Party	1400Z, Mar 16 to 0400Z, Mar 17 and 1200Z-2400Z, Mar 17
RSGB FT4 Contest	2000Z-2130Z, Mar 18
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2100Z, Mar 20
RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB	2000Z-2130Z, Mar 28
NCCC FT4 Sprint	0100Z-0130Z, Mar 29
CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 30 to 2359Z, Mar 31
144 MHz Spring Sprint	1900 local - 2300 local, Apr 1
ZL Sprint	0800Z-0829Z (CW), Apr 2 and 0830Z-0859Z (SSB), Apr 2
VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest	1700Z-2100Z, Apr 3
RSGB FT4 International Activity Day	1200Z, Apr 6 to 1200Z, Apr 7
Georgia State Parks on the Air	1200Z, Apr 6 to 2359Z, Apr 7
Missouri QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 6 to 0400Z, Apr 7 and 1400Z-2000Z, Apr 7
Florida State Parks on the Air	1400Z-2200Z, Apr 6 and 1400Z- 2200Z, Apr 7
Mississippi QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 6 to 0200Z, Apr 7
Louisiana QSO Party	1400Z, Apr 6 to 0200Z, Apr 7

VE EXAMS

Mount Arlington NJ 07856-9999

04/08/2024

Sponsor: Split Rock ARA

Date: Apr 08 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

(Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: Sid Markowitz

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Email: K2GG@ARRL.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: Mt. Arlington Civic Center

1 Fern Place

MUST have an FRN & email address



PREDICTED SUNSPOT NUMBER AND RADIO FLUX FOR APRIL 2024

SUNSPOT NUMBER

PREDICTED	HIGH	LOW
102.4	111.4	93.4

10.7 RADIO FLUX

PREDICTED	HIGH	LOW
129.6	138.6	120.6

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Morris Radio Club – Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2024

The meeting was held in person and by video teleconferencing.

Attendees (13) K2EMJ, K2SCH,
KD2WGN KE2BXM, N1MID, NO2EL, W2GM,
WA2LAN, WA2VQF, WA2YCI, WR2G
Virtual: KC2RDX
Visitor: Danny Lembo (EX AC2CQ)

A quorum was present.

Opening of Meeting

President Noel opened the meeting at 7:31 PM

Reports:

Secretary – Bill WA2VQF reported that the January minutes were published in the February Peaks & Nulls. There was one error reported KE2BXM was listed as KE2BXN.

Craig WR2G moved to accept the Secretary report. Joe N1MID seconded. The report was accepted.

Treasurer – Mark W2GM reported the February account balances:

Activity: Confirmed Amazon Web, PayPal fees, Membership dues. Transfer of PayPal and cash balances to checking account.

The actual numbers are available from Mark

Joe N1MID moved that the Treasurers report be accepted. Pat K2SCH Seconded. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

Old Business:

Noel is working on a back up plan in case we don't have use of the Hanover trailer for Field Day

Noel is also working on cleaning up the web site.

New Business:

Noel has made a change to the Google Meet and Calendar program so that you don't have to wait to be let in.

Noel and Joe will work on having the membership application automatically add to Google Workspace.

Craig gave a report on the ARRL DX CW Contest that was held last weekend.

Craig also mentioned the passing of Bill Hudzic the past Vice Director of the ARRL Hudson Division.

Joe N1MID made a motion to close the meeting. Jack WA2LAN seconded

The meeting was closed at 7:50 PM

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MRC Secretary

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STATION IS GRANTED AND REGULATIONS SET FORTH FOR
RYUKYU ARMED FORCES AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS
ARE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.

PERMIT # 1133 William Jacobsen
CHAIRMAN, US FORCES
AMATEUR RADIO BOARD

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REPLACES SIG 6P FORM 2-7

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MY OKINAWA OPERATORS LICENSE FROM 1967

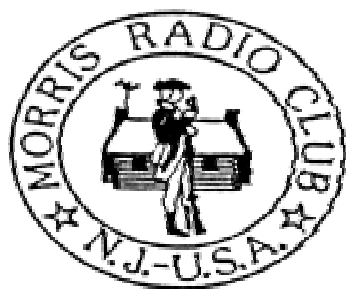


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HAMFEST CALENDAR

NJARC HamFest SwapMeet Show

03/16/2024

Location: Parsippany PAL

33 Baldwin Road

Parsippany, NJ 07054

Website: <http://www.njarc.org>

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it's still my favorite band. He also ran a phone patch home for me to Joan N2XZZ on our first wedding anniversary.

Well, you may be asking how does Bill W2UDT fit into this story. At that meeting in the school, I overheard Bill say to someone "when I was at Kadena". When I questioned him about it he told me he was there in 1966 and 1967. He had run phone patches home from that station for airmen using the call KR6SP when he was not on duty. He may very well have been one of the guys manning that station when I visited or we may have passed each other on Route 1. There was also an incident where I had to interface with the AP's at Kadena (Bill was in the Air Police) but, that's another story. Just last week when I was going through some paper work I found Bill's QSL card. I have included a picture of it along with a picture of my Okinawa Operators License on page 4.